AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Cancelled)

2.   (Previously Presented)   A method for managing interactive web books, comprising:

allowing a sponsor to set up an interactive web book;

allowing contributors to contribute material to the interactive web book;

allowing contributors to create derivations of material in the interactive web book; and

compensating both the sponsor and the contributors.

3.   (Previously Presented)   A method for managing interactive web books, comprising:

supporting a first interactive web book;

allowing a sponsor to replicate the first interactive web book to create a second interactive web

book;

allowing contributors to create derivations of material in the interactive web book; and

compensating contributors of the first interactive web book based on revenue derived from the

second interactive web book and/or the derivations.

4.   (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising generating attribution information

identifying the contributors whose material is used to create the derivations.

5.   (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising automatically rewarding the contributors

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based on the amount that their material is accessed by users and the attribution information.

6. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the automatically rewarding the contributors further comprises automatically making monetary distributions to the contributors.

7. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the creating derivations comprises allowing a contributor of derivative material based on previously contributed material to enter a derivation type to be associated with the derivative material.

8. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the derivation type is an alternate version.

9. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the derivation type is a commentary.

10. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing Web pages in the form of a plurality of passages and allowing a contributor to enter passage characteristics associated with each passage.

11. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising automatically generating a derivation link from each previously contributed material to each of the derivations based on that previously contributed material, wherein the user navigates from the previously contributed material on which a given derivation is based to the given derivation using one of the derivation links.

12. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising generating attribution information identifying the contributors whose material is used to create the derivations.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, further comprising automatically rewarding the contributors based on the amount that their material is accessed by users and the attribution information.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the automatically rewarding the contributors further comprises automatically making monetary distributions to the contributors.

15. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the creating derivations comprises allowing a contributor of derivative material based on previously contributed material to enter a derivation type to be associated with the derivative material.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the derivation type is an alternate version.

17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the derivation type is a commentary.

18. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising providing Web pages in the form of a plurality of passages and allowing a contributor to enter passage characteristics associated with each passage.

19. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising automatically generating a derivation link

from each previously contributed material to each of the derivations based on that previously

contributed material, wherein the user navigates from the previously contributed material on which

a given derivation is based to the given derivation using one of the derivation links.

20.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium containing computer executable instructions

for allowing a sponsor to set up an interactive web book, allowing a contributor to contribute material to

the interactive web book, allowing the contributor to create a derivation of material in the

interactive web book, and compensating both the sponsor and the contributor.

21.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising computer

executable instructions for automatically rewarding the contributor based on the amount that their

material is accessed by users and the attribution information.

22.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein automatically

rewarding the contributor further comprises automatically making monetary distributions to the

contributors.

23.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium containing computer executable instructions

for managing interactive web books, comprising computer executable instructions for supporting a first

interactive web book, allowing a sponsor to replicate the first interactive web book to create a second

interactive web book, allowing a contributor to create a derivation of material in the interactive web

book, and compensating the contributor of the first interactive web book based on revenue derived from

the second interactive web book and/or the derivation.

24.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the creating a

derivation comprises allowing a contributor of derivative material based on previously contributed

material to enter a derivation type to be associated with the derivative material.

25.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 24, wherein the derivation type is

an alternate version.

26.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 24, wherein the derivation type is a

commentary.

27.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 23, further comprising providing

Web pages in the form of a plurality of passages and allowing a contributor to enter passage

characteristics associated with each passage.

28.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 23, further comprising

automatically generating a derivation link from each previously contributed material to each

derivation based on that previously contributed material, wherein the user navigates from the

previously contributed material on which a given derivation is based to the given derivation using

one of the derivation links.

29.   (New) A system for managing interactive web books, comprising:

　　　　means for allowing a sponsor to set up an interactive web book;

　　　　means for allowing a contributor to contribute material to the interactive web book;

　　　　means for allowing the contributor to create a derivation of material in the interactive web

book; and

　　　　means for compensating both the sponsor and the contributor.

30.   (New) The system of claim 29, further comprising means for generating attribution

information identifying the contributor whose material is used to create the derivation.

31.   (New) The system of claim 30, further comprising means for automatically rewarding the

contributor based on the amount that their material is accessed by users and the attribution

information.

32.   (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the means for automatically rewarding the

contributor further comprises a means for automatically making monetary distributions to the

contributor.

33.   (New) A system for managing interactive web books, comprising means for supporting a first

interactive web book, means for allowing a sponsor to replicate the first interactive web book to create a

second interactive web book, means for allowing a contributor to create a derivation of material in the

interactive web book, and means for compensating the contributor of the first interactive web book

based on revenue derived from the second interactive web book and/or the derivation.

34.   (New) The system of claim 33, wherein the means for creating a derivation comprises

means for allowing a contributor of derivative material based on previously contributed material to

enter a derivation type to be associated with the derivative material.

35.   (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the derivation type is an alternate version.

36.   (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the derivation type is a commentary.

37.   (New) The system of claim 33, further comprising means for providing Web pages in the

form of a plurality of passages and allowing a contributor to enter passage characteristics associated

with each passage.

38.   (New) A system comprising a server, at least one client linked by a data network, and

software configured to allow a sponsor to set up an interactive web book, allow a contributor to contribute

material to the interactive web book, allow the contributor to create a derivation of material in the

interactive web book, and compensate both the sponsor and the contributor.

39.   (New) A system, comprising a server, at least one client linked by a data network, and

software configured to support a first interactive web book, allow a sponsor to replicate the first

interactive web book to create a second interactive web book, allow a contributor to create a derivation of

material in the interactive web book, and compensate the contributor of the first interactive web book

based on revenue derived from the second interactive web book and/or the derivation.

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